

WESTFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, February 12, 2007

The Westfield Town Council met in regular session Monday, February 12, 2007 at the Westfield Town Hall. Members present were Jack Hart, Bob Smith, John Dipple, Andy Cook, Bob Horkay, Ron Thomas and Joe Plankis. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Gossard, Town Manager, Jerry Rosenberger and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Jack Hart made a motion to approve January 4, 2007 special meeting minutes as amended. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve the January 8, 2007 regular meeting minutes, January 22, 2007 special meeting minutes and February 3, 2007 special meeting minutes as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Guests:

Charles Schneider spoke regarding Arbor Homes and his trying to file a Police Report.

Council Comment on Guest Comments:

Andy Cook stated he would probably need to go back to the builder and discuss his problem further regarding his home further.

Town Manager Report:

State Road 32 Project will be a 5 lane cross section.

Success with the Parks and Rec Swim every Sunday from 1 – 5 at the High School.

Will be installing Tornado Sirens over the next 2 weeks.

Savings of over \$20,000.00 with our Insurance premiums this year.

Fire Department has received a Homeland Security Grant.

Police Department and Westfield Utility Department are working on being accredited.

The Town and School are looking into hiring a School Resource Officer and share the costs.

County continues to move forward with assessed evaluations.

Old Business:

Town and Twp Public Safety Building Lease Payments Contract

Pending – Will carry forward to March

Town and Twp Fire Department Budget Contract

Pending – Will carry forward to March

Regulatory Changes/Council Introduction

First Council Consideration

State Road 32 West Business Park

Matt Skelton from Baker and Daniels representing the Developer gave a brief presentation regarding the 41 acre project.

Council consensus to table until March

Second Council Consideration

None.

New Business:

Appointments to BZA

President Cook explained the need to appoint a replacement and asked for a motion from the Council members.

John Dippel made a motion to re-appoint Craig Wood to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ron Thomas seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

There was some discussion as to suggestions for another appointment to make and will be on the March agenda.

Appointments to Redevelopment Commission:

Jerry Rosenberger explained there needs to be 3 appointments made by the Municipal Executive and 2 appointments by the Legislative Body.

President Cook stated the 3 appointments he would be making to the Redevelopment Commission were as follows:

Joe Plankis
Pete Emigh
Scott Robinson

President Cook asked for a motion from the Council for the remaining 2 appointments.

Ron Thomas made a motion to appoint Bob Murphy and Joe Ingalls. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-1 (J. Hart). Motion carried.

Discussion of Fiscal Plan:

President Cook discussed the possible future project of the town establishing a Fiscal Plan.

Project Consideration: **Master Plan for the Downtown Area**
 Cripe Engineering/Odle McGuire
 Shook/Browning Investments

Bruce Breeding from Cripe Engineering gave a brief presentation with recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan with regard to a special study of the downtown area.

Jack Hart made a motion to accept the offer from Cripe Engineering for the Master Planning for the Downtown Area with Town Council President to sign. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-04 Final Resolution for Tax Abatement
Real Estate Links/Granite Ridge Builders
Preliminary Resolution 07-03 passed 1-22-07

Jerry Rosenberger explained this is the final Resolution that approves the tax abatement for 4 years for the Links Real Estate Company and the Granite Ridge Builders Company.

Jerry explained there will need to be a Public Hearing tonight.

Public Hearing opened at 8:05

None

Public Hearing closed at 8:06

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 07-04 for the Tax Abatement. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-2 (R. Thomas-B. Horkay). Motion carried.

Resolution 07-05 Adoption of Thoroughfare Plan
Public Hearing at APC November 27, 2006
APC Committee 12-31-06
APC Action on January 22, 2007

Jerry Rosenberger explained this Resolution adopts the Thoroughfare Plan that has come from the Advisory Plan Commission with a positive recommendation.

Ron Thomas noted for the record that there is additional language that will be included on the cross-sectional view and in the overall Plan's text that gives direction to the Council and WPWD for right-of-way acquisition in existing built-out area. Ron stated this language is at the Plan Commission and expected to be at the March Council meeting.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Resolution -7-05 adopting the Thoroughfare Plan. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-06 Adoption of Comprehensive Plan
Public Hearing at APC December 4, 2006
APC Action on January 22, 2007

Jerry Rosenberger stated this Resolution adopts the Comprehensive Plan that has come from the Advisory Plan Commission with a positive recommendation.

Jerry explained the original Chapter 2 (Demographics and Growth) has been removed from this document and is being reworked and will begin its course through the APC process again.

Joe Plankis thanked everyone for their hard work on the Comp Plan.

Joe Plankis made a motion to approve Resolution 07-06 adopting the Comprehensive Plan. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 07-01 Park Rules Amendment
First Reading

Curt Cooley gave a brief presentation explaining this amendment provides for modifying the original Park Rules.

Joe Plankis made a motion to suspend the rules to adopt Ordinance 07-01 on first reading. Jack Hart seconded.

President Cook suggested they bring this Ordinance back to the Council in March for a second reading.

Joe Plankis withdrew his motion to suspend the rules.

**Ordinance 07-02 Right of Way Dedication Process and Procedures
First Reading**

Jerry Rosenberger explained this Ordinance defines the process and documents that should be used to dedicate rights of ways to the Town of Westfield.

President Cook stated he would like to see this Ordinance return to the Council in March.

Information Technology Project

Fiber Extension to Greyhound Pass Water Plant

Mike Fisher gave a brief presentation of this project for the Westfield Public Works Department to provide high speed data communications for remotely managing the new water plant.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve the Fiber Extension to Greyhound Pass Water Plant not to exceed \$79,915.00. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Westfield Public Works

**Construction Standards and Specifications Policy Amendment
Added Standards for Trails**

Renee Goff gave a brief presentation of the items included in the amendment this document that is maintained by the Westfield Public Works Department.

Joe Plankis made a motion to accept the trail standards as presented and to be adopted and added to the existing Utility and Infrastructure Construction Standards and Specifications of the Town of Westfield. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Dedication of Public Rights of Way (Centennial)

Renee Goff gave a brief presentation presenting the information that allows the Council to accept the streets of Centennial subdivision.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve the Dedication of Public Right of Way Centennial as presented. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Bridge for 161st Street- Style Consideration

Renee Goff presented the Council with different styles for the bridge design on 161st Street.

After some discussion this item was tabled until the March Council meeting.

Four Replacement Vehicle purchases per 2007 capital plan not to exceed \$30,000 each

Bruce Hauk presented this request to replace 4 existing vehicles. Bruce stated these replacements were part of the 2007 capital plan that was part of the budgeting process approved by the Council.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve the 4 Vehicle replacement purchases not to exceed \$30,000.00 each. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Energy Savings Project (Greyhound Pass Water Plant) Change Order for storage tank

Bruce Hauk asked the Council to allow the Westfield Public Works Department to enter into a change order that will add an additional 350,000 gallon water storage tank.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve the Change Order as presented. Hack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Abstain-1 (J. Dippel. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Release of Performance Bonds –

None this month.

Release of Maintenance Bonds

None

Subsequent Connector Fee/Re-imbusement Fee Agreements

None

Other

Centennial North Street Dedication

Council Members Comments:

Claims:

Bob Smith made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried

Ron Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President